

## [Letter from John A. Lomax to Harold Spivacke]

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ALAMO HOTEL EVERY ROOM WITH BATH GARAGE IN DIRECT CONNECTION  
AUSTIN, TEXAS

Alamo Hotel Austin, Texas 5/9/ 19 39.

Dear Mr. Spivacke:

All supplies are here. Thanks for your fine promptness—the only known government agency that is punctual. We have filled 60 records Some special items

1. A lot of cowboy songs with genuine cowboy singers.
2. A group of Spanish narrative ballads with local setting; e.g. The Purple Bull
3. Some fine Mexican play tunes and lullabies.
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4. Some roaring western breakdowns with lots of singing between occasional bars.

We have traveled 1600 miles. The machine is working beautifully. We start on East tonight. After a few stops we cross in to Arkansas and Louisiana.

Next address is in Huntsville, Texas.

Dornbush has killed my chance of getting real cowboy singers from Texas.

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Yours, Lomax —